

SPECIAL EMPHASIS VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Component: 50.20.451, 40.20.451

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Pursuant to the requirement of the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) to fund underserved populations, the Special Emphasis Victim Assistance program gives awards to the Victim/Witness Assistance Centers in each county to provide direct services and outreach to underserved populations. Special Emphasis crime victims are defined as individuals victimized by a specific violent crime and are individuals who are presently underserved (e.g. family members of homicide victims, elderly, or drunk-driving victims, but not necessarily an ethnic minority population).

Pursuant to the VOCA statistical information requirements, it is important to note **only** the numbers of victims served are reported and the number of services counted **once**. For example, while a court accompaniment may occur 10 times during the course of a trial, VOCA counts that as **one court accompaniment**, therefore, services provided to victims are significantly underrepresented in the following statistical information.

FUNDS AWARDED

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Types of Funding</u>	<u>Total Funding</u>
FY 2008/09	Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) FFY 2008	\$ 1,589,500
FY 2009/10	Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) FFY 2009	\$ 1,850,739
	Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) FFY 2008	\$ 12,000
FY 2010/11		Unknown

2008/09 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

<u>9,867</u>	New victims of crime served*
<u>4,900</u>	Crisis intervention services, in-person or telephone contact, provided to victims of crime.
<u>818</u>	Victims provided emergency assistance services, in response to a victim's immediate needs as a result of their victimization.
<u>2,901</u>	Resource and referral assistance services provided to victims, based on the victim's request or victim advocate's assessment.
<u>329</u>	Direct counseling services, in person or telephone contact, provided to a crime victim. V/W Center staff makes referrals, if necessary, to other appropriate resources for client(s) having professional counseling needs.
<u>5,074</u>	Victims assisted in filing crime victim compensation claims.
<u>116</u>	Property return assistance given to victims, upon request, whose property was held as evidence by the criminal justice system.

<u>6,480</u>	Advocacy, support, and orientation to the criminal justice system provided to victims.
<u>1,627</u>	Victims provided information on the case and/or support/escort during court appearances or interviews with law enforcement and prosecution.
<u>102</u>	Presentations and training courses conducted for criminal justice agencies on V/W Center resources, and the rights and needs of victims.
<u>113</u>	Public presentations and publicity provided by V/W Centers promoting awareness of available services for crime victims.
<u>5,307</u>	Victim provided case status/case disposition, upon request, as their case progresses through the criminal justice system.
<u>391</u>	Notification of family/friends provided by V/W Centers, upon request by victim, of the occurrence of a crime and the victim's condition as a result of the crime.
<u>61</u>	Employer notification/intervention services provided by V/W Centers, upon request from a victim.
<u>1,025</u>	Assistance given, upon the request of the victim, in obtaining restitution for the victim through the criminal justice system (imposition of the sentence).

*New statistic for the 2008/09 FY.

2009/10 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Available

2010/11 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

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